

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Wilkes Land Expedition 318

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

Specific information pertaining to the ship's schedule, etc. is provided on the IODP Reconnaissance sheet.

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office.
- 3) Obtaining required visas - for visa information, contact you closest embassy or consulate of the country where the ship will be in port. PLEASE ADVISE THE CONSULATE THAT THE SHIP IS LIBERIAN REGISTERED. THIS MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE TYPE OF VISA YOU NEED. Also, scientific participants on the expedition will be listed on the ship's paperwork as passengers and not crew.
- 4) Costs of any required visas.

Travel

Expedition will start in Wellington, New Zealand

4 January 2010: The JOIDES Resolution arrives in Wellington, New Zealand. This is the crew change day.

5 January 2010: All scientists move onto the ship. We suggest you arrive a day early in Wellington and stay at a hotel. The port call is scheduled for five days but the ship will depart as soon as port activities are completed. The ship's departure will not be delayed to accommodate late arrivals.

Expedition will end in Hobart, Australia

9 March 2010: The ship will arrive in Hobart, Australia and you will move off the ship this day. Since we do not know how long port entry, customs, and immigration will take, we strongly recommend you plan to spend the night of 9 March in Hobart and schedule your departure no earlier than 10 March.

Passport/Visa Information

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Liberian** registered. Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of expired U.S. visas.

Passport Information (Must be sent to IODP)

IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Janice Muston (muston @Iodp.tamu.edu) please do so immediately.

Hotel Accommodations and Itinerary Information

IODP negotiates for group rates with hotels in the port cities. If you wish for IODP to make hotel reservations on your behalf at the IODP-selected hotels, **please complete the “Flight Information and Request for Hotel Reservations” form. This form must be returned by the date indicated or it may not be possible to obtain a reservation for you.** Hotel agreements are very specific and they will not hold rooms past the agreement date. To avoid misunderstandings, **IODP does not make hotel reservations for participants unless specifically requested on the travel form.** By requesting the IODP Travel Office to make hotel reservations you are agreeing that IODP’s hotel selection, location, and rates are acceptable to you. IODP reserves the right to make or change hotel arrangements as deemed essential to official requirements, without prior notification to cruise participants. If any of these conditions are not compatible with your needs, we recommend that you make hotel reservations through your travel agent. All hotel information that is available at this time is included on the IODP Reconnaissance Sheet. If it is not listed, it will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

IMPORTANT: If you do request IODP to arrange your hotel accommodations, please be aware that the reservation will be guaranteed by the credit card number you provide. If your travel plans change after you have requested the reservations, it will be your responsibility to notify either the IODP Travel Office or the hotel directly to change/cancel the reservations. Otherwise, the hotel will bill your credit card account for a “no-show” charge.

Letter of Introduction. This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

Miscellaneous Information

The following is also posted at for your information:

- 1) **Reconnaissance Sheet.** This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship’s schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent’s name and address, etc.). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent’s name and telephone number in providing directions to the ship’s exact docking location. Please note that unless advised in advance,

transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

2) **Pre-Cruise Information/Checklist Of Items To Bring To The Ship)**

<http://iodp.tamu.edu/participants/checklist.html>

3) **Flight Information and Hotel Request Form** Please complete flight information portion even if you do not need hotel reservations.

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